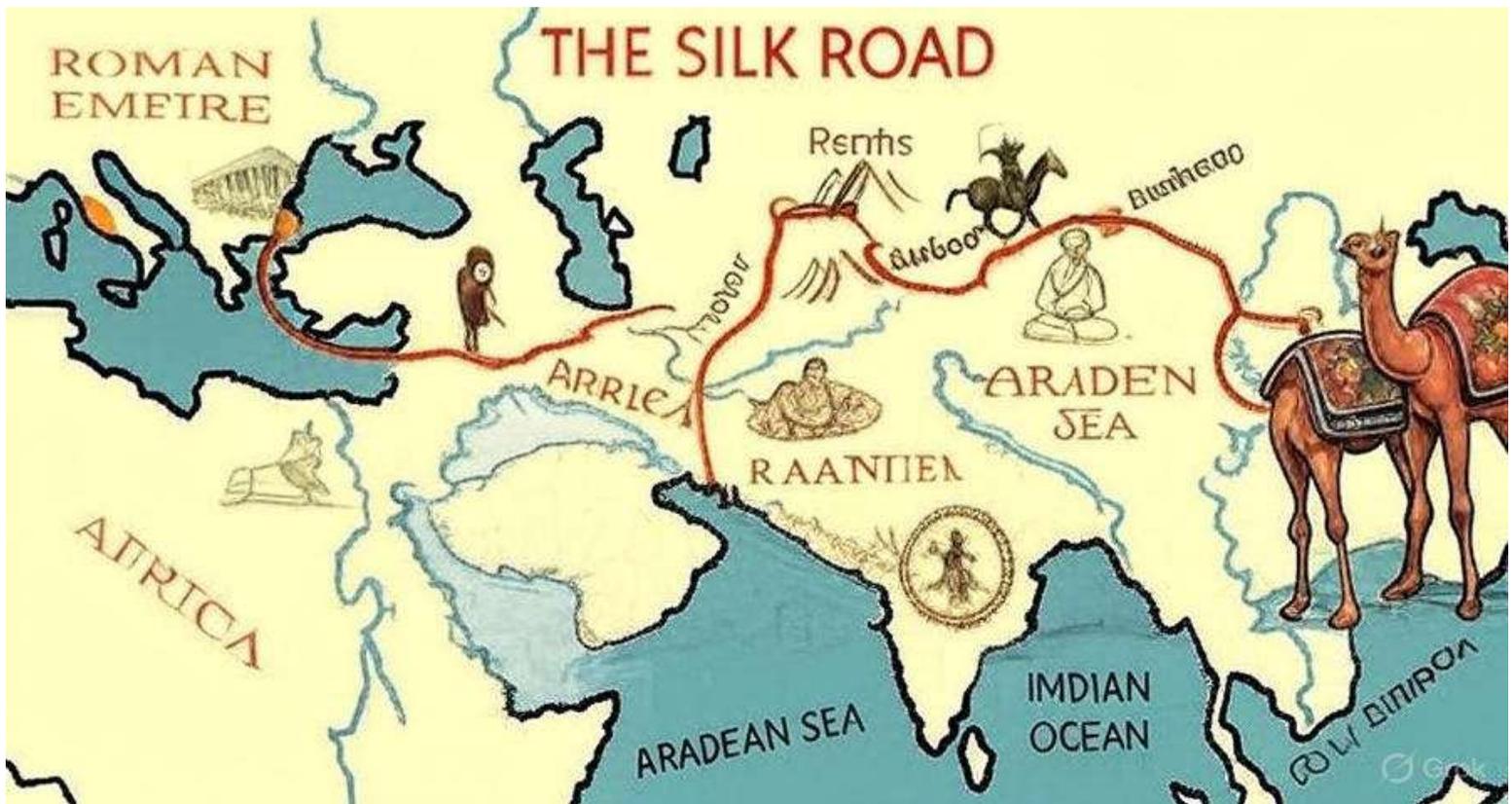


San Diego DX Club Bulletin

November 2025



MEETING PROGRAM

There will be no program presentation in November or December.

MEETING NOTICE

There will be no November or December 2025 SDDXC meetings. Join us for the Holiday Party on December 14. A party invitation is included in this edition of the Bulletin.

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From the Prez . . .

Rob, WA3IHV

As 2025 winds down, our annual Holiday Party is rapidly coming up on December 14. We look forward to seeing everyone in person and having some good "belly laughs". We will continue with our tradition of white elephant gift exchange and raffle prizes.

The sun was very active in November with an X5.1 flare arising from AR4274 sunspot region on the eleventh. It was the strongest flare of 2025. A second flare X4.0 erupted from the same region on the fourteenth. X-class flares are the most intense! Aurora was visible in some parts of San Diego County. HF radio blackouts were experienced. Both of these flares were associated with Coronal Mass Ejections (CME). Fortunately, the band conditions improved in time for the ARRL Phone Sweepstakes. I was flabbergasted by the number of stations that still needed San Diego Section (SDG) late in the contest. Cycle 25 has more to offer so stay tuned and be ready to pounce when the conditions are right.

Dx'peditions continue to be very robust despite their astronomical costs. New technologies are being used which brings a novel element to this DX activity. In mid March 2026 the CY0S team is headed back to Sable Island. This is a remote island approximately 300nm east of Halifax, NS. The team will be ferried by medium sized aircraft which put significant weight limitations on the DX'pedition (operators, food and supplies, and equipment). With this in mind they will be operating 6 stations using the new Flex Aurora. This is a 500 watt all fully integrated SDR which weighs only 18 lbs!

Everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving. CQWW CW DX Contest follows on November 29.

73, Hope to see everyone on December 14

Rob, WA3IHV

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Board Meeting Minutes

Bob, W6ACU



SDDXC Board Meeting November 10th 2025

In attendance- Rob Reichman, Jim Wellington, Jerry Stafford, Steve Handrop, Bud Hennessy, Ray Waldemar, Bob LaRose.

HOLIDAY PARTY.

Dec 14 1-4PM - Marie Callenders, 6950 Alvarado Rd

Rob created an invitation with an RSVP form to capture meal choices. Bob Farkaly sent it to our mailing list. Bud is collecting the inputs and advise the final totals to Jerry to forward to Marie Callenders by Dec 1st.

The Board voted to allocate \$200 for door prizes. Roughly \$100 for Palomar Engineering products and another \$100 for Impulse Electronics. Bud will also reach out to the usual group of suppliers for additional prizes.

Depending on the number of members that sign-up, Rob may be able to reach out to key people at other local clubs to invite them to fill the room.

Ray will act as our official photographer.

We are asking Bob Farkaly to send a follow-up reminder for the Holiday Party.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim presented the report. There were three new members last month and money is flowing in for the Holiday Party.

DAILY DX CLUB/ARRL 2026 "YEAR OF THE CLUB"

In addition to the submittance to "How's DX", we also discussed submitting a write-up and some Newsletters to the ARRL for the Club Newsletter Contest. Bob agreed to draft an expanded version (up to 500 words) of what we sent to "How's DX" for review and approval.

SUMMER BASH (JULY 19, 2026)

Rob will make the reservation with the County Parks Dept after the first of the year and continue discussions with PARC about making it a joint activity because their 2025 picnic was so poorly attended.

UPCOMING MEETING

No general club meeting in Nov or Dec. However, we will have a BOD meeting on December 8th to handle any last minute discussions on the Holiday Party.

Bob, W6ACU

Secretary's Report

Bob, W6ACU



SDDXC Meeting Minutes October 2025

<https://youtu.be/F34SJ-TTId8>

CQ Amateur Radio

ALL Things CQ WAZ & Don Quixote & then some....

José Castillo – N4BAA

Ex: KG4SB, YI9BAA, VP5BAX, 9K2/N4BAA

CQ WAZ Manger & Passionage WAZ Ambassador

Bob, W6ACU



SDDXC Bulletin Archives

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<https://www.sddxc.org/docs/newslist/>

SDDXC Treasurer's Report

Jim, K6SMT



October 2025 REPORT FIGURES (Full Month)

INCOME:	
\$60	Membership Dues
EXPENSES:	
\$95.00	Web Site
\$19.56	USB Audio Adapter

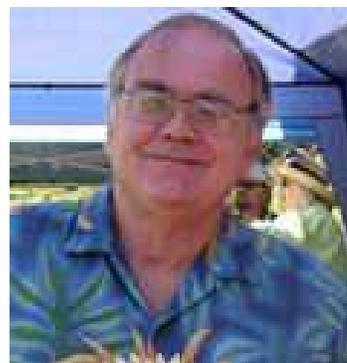
CASH BALANCE 10-31-2025: \$4,048.40

Jim, K6SMT



SDDXC Contest Results

John, K6AM



2025 ARRL DX CW CONTEST

CALL	CLASS	SCORE	QSO'S	MLTS	FINISH
N5ZO (@WA6TQT)	SO HP	3,835,908	3,414	381	#1 W6, #1 SW Div.
K6NA	SO HP	1,076,922	1,230	294	#2 W6, #2 SW Div
N6CW	SOU HP	851,004	938	307	#2 W6, #3 SW Div
N6KI	SOU HP	834,372	922	308	#3 W6, #4 SW Div
K6ZH	SOU HP	328,176	526	212	#7 W6, #10 SW Div
W6YA	SO 15	314,184	1,026	104	#1 W6, #1 SW Div, #2 US/VE
N7CW	SO 15	248,778	829	102	#1 W7, #2 SW Div, #3 US/VE
K6AR	SO 10	258,912	918	96	#1 W6, #1 SW Div, #6 US/VE
W6YI	SOU 10	211,830	630	115	#2 W6, #3 SW Div.
W6JBR	SO HP	41,760	166	87	

We had a nice turnout again this year on the heels of good conditions on 10 and 15 meters with several Southwestern division wins. The 2025 ARRL DX contests mark the end of the qualifying events for the 2026 WRTC get together in the UK. N5ZO and KI6RRN/KL7 have secured the W6 area slot again while former champs, N6MJ@ND7K and KL9A locking up the W7 area team position.

2025 ARRL DX SSB CONTEST

CLASS	CALL	SCORE	QSO'S	MLTS	FINISH
SO HP	ZF1A (K6JO)	8,150,268	8,238	334	#1 WORLD
SO HP	N5ZO (@WA6TQT)	2,912,640	2,643	370	#1 SW DIV, #6 US/VE
SOU HP	N6KI	259,368	431	202	#7 SW DIV
SOU LP	K6AM	147,204	355	141	#1 SW DIV
SOU HP	NE6I	86,715	247	123	
SO HP	W6JBR	55,800	188	100	
SO HP	K6NA	18,984	114	56	

NEWS FLASH! You may have heard or worked OA4O in the recent CQWW CW contest. Well, that was our very own Marko, N5ZO. His operation marks the last of the 40 zones he has traveled to to operate the CQWW contest from. I know of only two others that have accomplished this feat, N6AA and N6ZZ (sk). Good show Marko!

John, K6AM

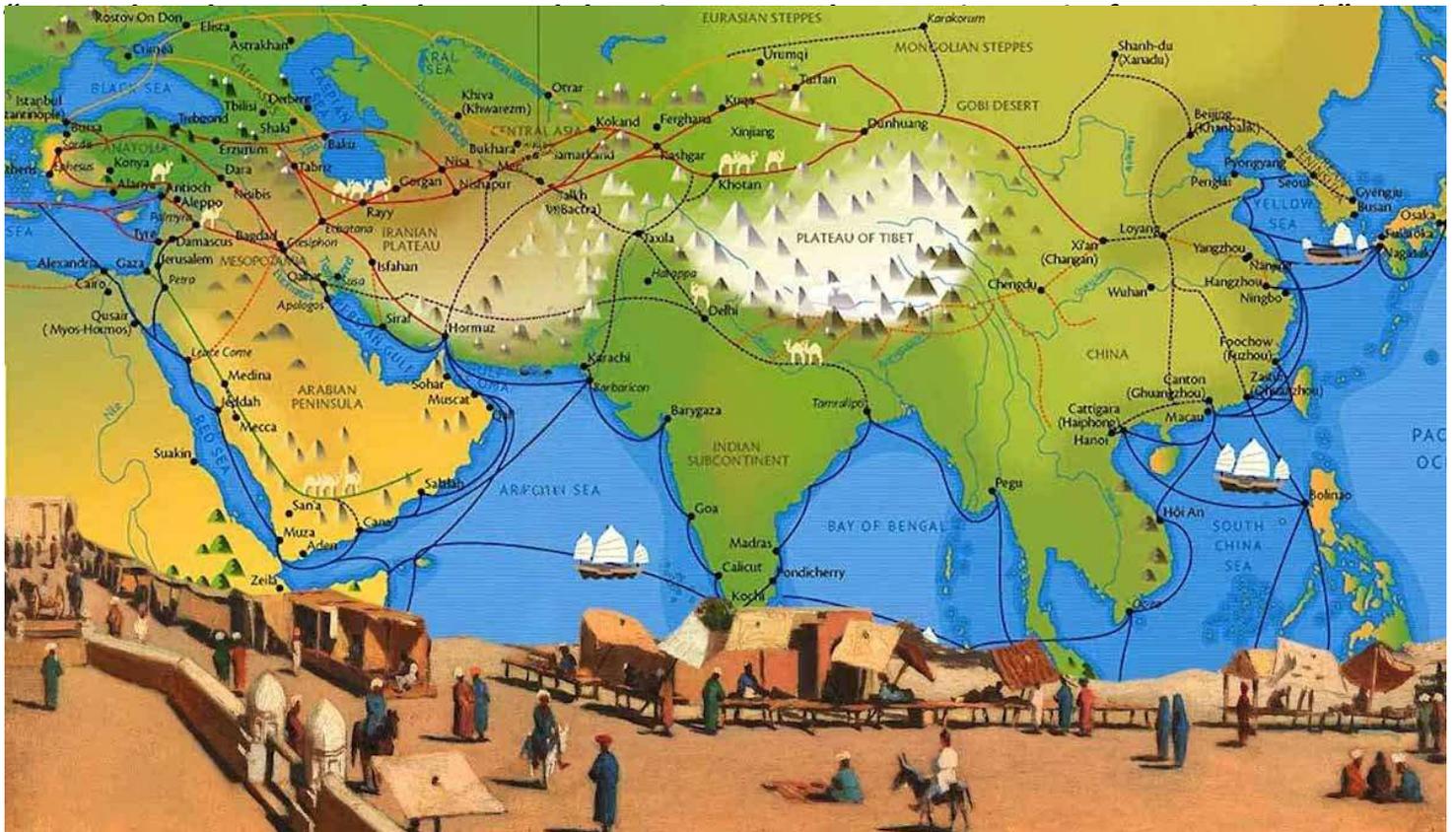
From the Editor

Bob, K9RHY



The Last Frontier:

Activating the Ghost Stations of the Silk Road



Introduction

In an age when Starlink dishes sprout like desert poppies and every café boasts 5G, ‘remote DX’ sounds almost quaint. Yet trace a finger along the ancient Silk Road—from the terracotta legions of Xi’an to the gondola docks of Venice—and you’ll follow a 7,000-mile corridor where true radio wilderness still whispers. Prefixes like EX, JT, UK, EY, 4J, EP, and YA flicker on the bands like dying embers: rare, hard-won, and silent until someone hauls a transceiver across a mountain pass.

This is the story of the Silk Road Seven—a *fictional* but entirely plausible DXpedition activating seven of the route’s most elusive outposts in a single madcap season. Think of it as planting radio flags on unclimbed peaks. For the San Diego DXer hunched over a K4 in Ramona, Mission Valley or Poway, this is bucket-list fuel.

The Silk Road Seven — Rarity Index

#	Location (Historical)	Modern Entity	Prefix	DXCC Rank*	IOTA	Notes
1	Xi'an (Chang'an)	China	BY4	87	—	Urban; 80 m grayline magic
2	Dunhuang (Shāzhōu)	China	BY9	104	—	Edge of Taklamakan; 6 m Es heaven
3	Ürümqi (Dihua)	China (Xinjiang)	BG8	119	—	Long-path to NA at dawn
4	Bishkek (Pishpek)	Kyrgyzstan	EX	53	—	FT8 mandatory below 15 m
5	Khovd (Kobdo)	Mongolia	JT	71	AS-153	Gobi wind = static; elevate verticals
6	Samarkand (Marakanda)	Uzbekistan	UK	68	—	Minarets make perfect mast guys
7	Tabriz (Tauris)	Iran	EP	44	—	40 m midnight path to EU

*Approximate ClubLog 'Most-Wanted,' November 2025.

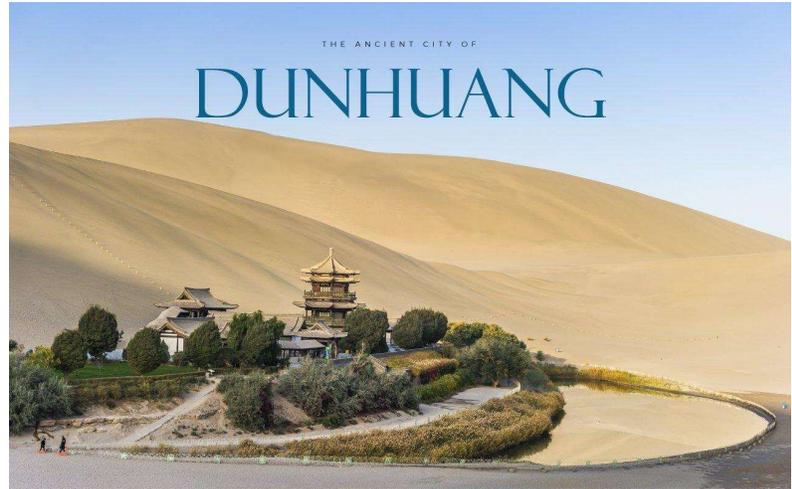
Leg 1 — Xi'an: The Terracotta Army of QSLs

A 133-ft inverted-L on the ancient city wall. First contact: W6YA in Leucadia —5,593 miles on **one watt**. By 0400 UTC, 412 QSOs logged. Lesson one: even in a megacity, height beats horsepower.



Leg 2 — Dunhuang: Sand in the Keyer

At Crescent Moon Spring the Gobi wind howls at 40 kt, the keyer full of dust. A 6 m Moxon catches a sporadic-E spike—JA to KH6 in two hops, 500 QSOs in two hours. Used the solar power array we packed because, well, it's the Gobi Desert.



Leg 3 — Ürümqi: Plateau Propagation

Operating at 7,000 ft near Tian Chi Lake, the amp gasps in thin air; power drops to 300 W. Altitude lowers noise. Bring oxygen and a tuner that forgives ice-induced SWR. WA3IHV had the dominant signal on 160.



Leg 4 — Bishkek: The EX Files

Kyrgyzstan (#53) is rarer than its rank suggests. After a cognac 'permit,' the Rovers hang a 40 m delta loop in Ala-Archa Gorge. FT8 saves the day—1,200 QSOs in 36 hours.



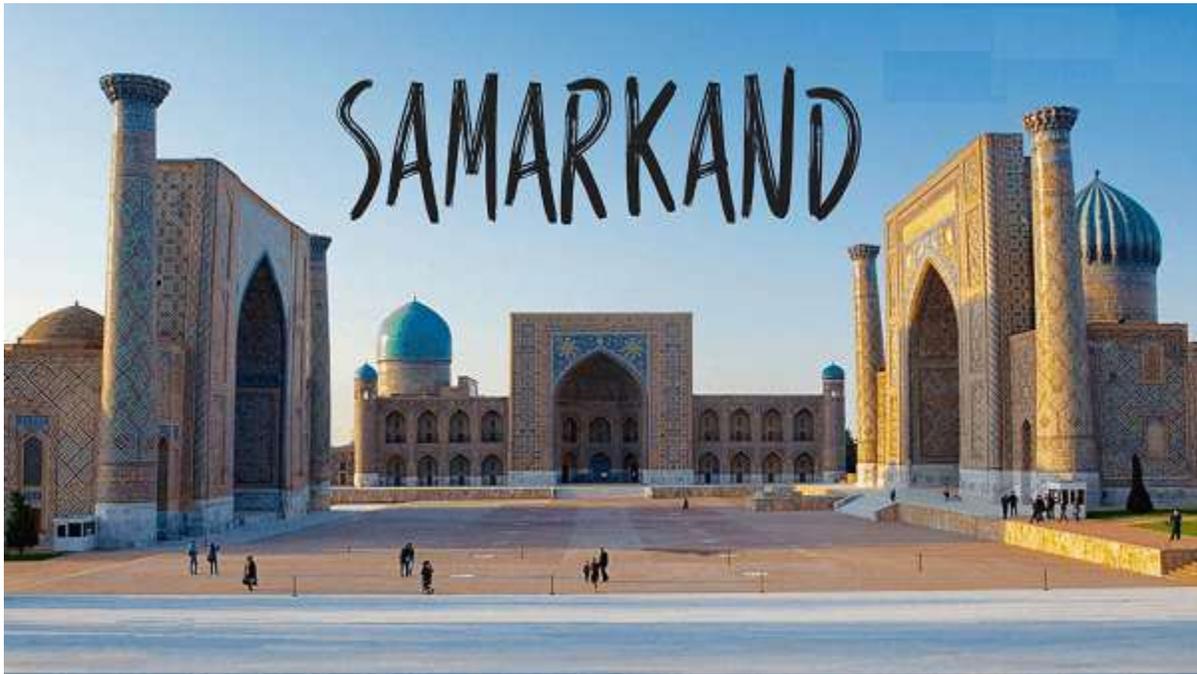
Leg 5 — Khovd: Yurt, Sweet Yurt

A herder trades diesel for shelter. The dipole sags between yurts; at -15°C , the keyer freezes mid-dit. On 160 m the JA path is knife-edge sharp—38 QSOs before the dawn collapse.



Leg 6 — Samarkand: Minarets and Mults

From Registan Square's rooftop, three madrasahs form a natural reflector. Two stations—SSB and CW—run hot. Emotional DX is still DX. Our first QSO was with Gayle, K6GO in Poway who was a solid 59 on the IC-7610. Great signal, great QSO.



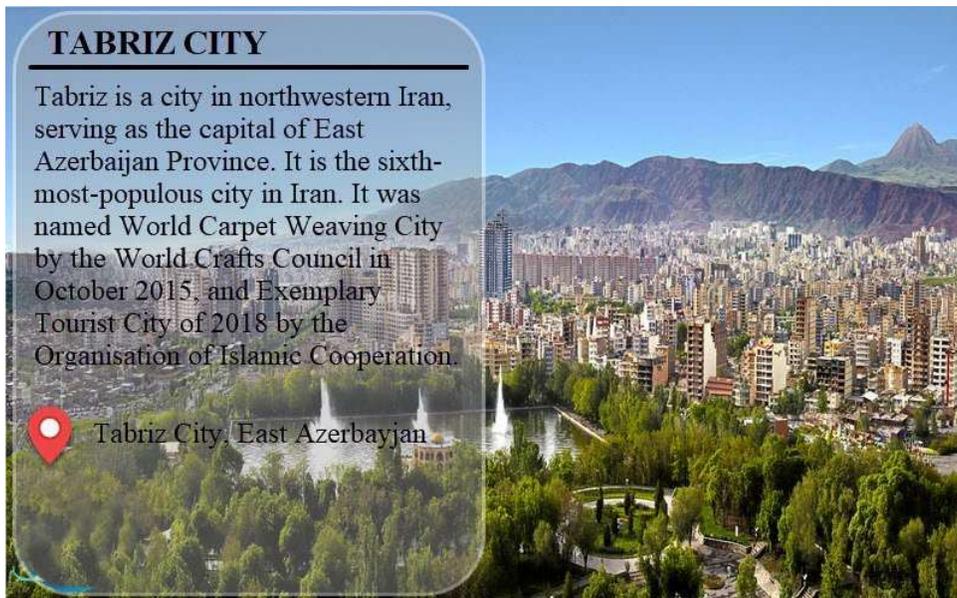
Leg 7 — Tabriz: The Persian Pileup

From the Blue Mosque ruins, a 30 m vertical hums until the grid dies at 2145 UTC. A generator saves the final ten QSOs—1,837 total, including VK6 on long-path.

TABRIZ CITY

Tabriz is a city in northwestern Iran, serving as the capital of East Azerbaijan Province. It is the sixth-most-populous city in Iran. It was named World Carpet Weaving City by the World Crafts Council in October 2015, and Exemplary Tourist City of 2018 by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.

 Tabriz City, East Azerbaijan



The Gear that Survived

Item	Why It Made the Cut
Icom IC-7610	Dual RX for split pileups
Elecraft KPA500 + KAT500	Bulletproof at -20 °C
Hexbeam (portable)	20-6 m in one bag; survived 60 kt gusts
43-ft vertical + 32 radials	80/40/30 m when no trees
6 m Moxon	Fits in rifle case
Bioenno 100 Ah LiFePO4	Silent, froze solid, still delivered
Lenovo Tablet + N1MM+	FT8 logging, Cyrillic keyboard friendly

Logistics Bible (Condensed)

- Visas: Start early—Kyrgyz e-visa in 48 hrs; Iran requires sponsor letter.
- Transport: Buy used 4x4 in Ürümqi; roof rack doubles as antenna farm.
- Power: 300 W solar array + 20 m of 10-gauge wire (copper = gold).
- Permits: Offer youth radio demos for rooftop access.
- QSLs: LoTW nightly via Starlink Mini hidden in a tea thermos.
- Health: Altitude meds, purifier, and satphone for Mongolia's black spots.
- Sponsorship: You can never have enough

Epilogue — The Ether Caravan Rides Again

Nine thousand QSOs later, three fan belts lighter, and one proposal declined, the Rovers sign off from the Caspian with a simple CW '73 TU.' For the San Diego DXer, the message endures: the bands aren't conquered—they're just asleep. Somewhere between dunes and domes, a ghost station still waits. Pack light, travel far, and remember: every rare prefix is just a dipole and a dream away.

Special thanks to the San Diego DX Club, a group of DXers who made this experience come to life.

Bob, K9RHY



Annual Holiday Party

DATE: Sunday, December 14, 2025

TIME: 1:00-4:00 PM

LOCATION: Marie Callender's 6950 Alvarado Road, San Diego

Cost: \$15/person

Pay via Paypal (San Diego DX Club) or check/cash at the door.

Menu: choice of entree (Heartland Chicken Pot Pie, Roast Turkey Dinner, Braised & Slow Roasted Pot Roast), Vegetarian Option- TBD, all entrees include a small Caesar salad, your choice of pie (Apple, Chocolate Cream, or Lemon Meringue), fountain drinks, coffee, and tea included

Cash Bar- wine, beer, and cocktails available

White Elephant Gift Exchange (optional)

Door Prizes- Raffle

RSVP Online: <https://form.jotform.com/252879043871063>



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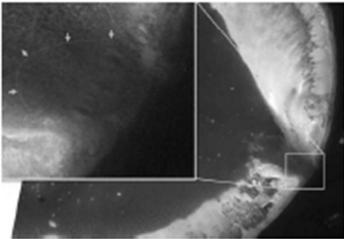
China / Diplomacy

China deploys new floating barrier at Scarborough Shoal, satellite image shows

Barrier seen blocking entrance to lagoon at the contested atoll where tensions between Beijing and Manila have intensified

Laura Zhou

Published: 8:00pm, 22 Oct 2025 / Updated: 9:22pm, 22 Oct 2025



This satellite image obtained by Satellogic and distributed by SkyFi shows what appears to be a man-made barrier blocking the entrance to the lagoon at the Scarborough Shoal – known as Huangyan Island in China and Panatag Shoal in the Philippines – an atoll in the South China Sea that is claimed by both the Philippines and China. Photo: Satellogic via SkyFi

China has installed a new floating barrier at Scarborough Shoal, according to satellite imagery, as tensions rise between Beijing and Manila over the disputed atoll in the South China Sea.

The barrier was seen blocking the entrance to the lagoon at the shoal in the image obtained by Satellogic, a geospatial company headquartered in Montevideo, Uruguay.

“New satellite imagery shows an illegal floating barrier installed by the People’s Republic of China at the mouth of Scarborough Shoal,” Luke Fischer, the CEO and co-founder of SkyFi, a US-based app for satellite data, wrote on social media.

Upcoming VU7 Lakshadweep Islands Operation

I am writing to share the latest updates regarding the VU7 DXpedition.

We are pleased to welcome Gerhard DJ5IW and Keith VE7KW to the team. All landing permit applications have been submitted and we are currently awaiting the final permits and licenses. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the CDXC Foundation for their generous support of this DXpedition.

Our website:- <https://www.vu2rs.com/vu7r/>

Our Paypal: info@sreetek.com

Schedule of the event: January 10, 2026 - January 22, 2026

Best regards,
Sarith VU2RS

In Memorium: Pat C Bunsold, WA6MHZ



- Past president of the San Diego DX Club (W6PT)
- President of the Amateur Radio Club of EL CAJON (WA6BGS)
- Vice President of QCWA San Diego Chapter 14
- Past ARRL SECTION MANAGER for San Diego

Pat passed away in the early morning of Sunday October 19, 2025. He was born in Aug 1952. He was 73! He had been bed-ridden for the last 5 years. He was DXCC Honor Roll with 346 cfm. He was past President as well as VP of SDDXC. He was past president of El Cajon ARC. He was past SCM of San Diego Section. He was past president of the local QCWA Chapter.

His sister, Jeanie recounted several interesting stories about Pat in their suburban Chicago home. Pat was 9 years older and had a later bedtime than Jeanie. Their bedrooms were adjacent. Everynight she fell asleep hearing " CQ CQ CQ this is..." She could not remember his call from 9-land. The next morning at breakfast she heard about all of the far away places that he spoke with the night before.

3Y0K DXpedition to Bouvet Island, February 2026

ClubLog #10 most wanted DXCC entity
Dependency of Norway in South Atlantic Ocean
Volcanic origin, 49 km², 93% covered by glacier

The most remote uninhabited island on Earth



LOC JD15pn
CQ ZONE 38
ITU ZONE 67

3Y0K

Bouvet 2026

IOTA AN-002 | POTA BV-0001 | WWF LAFF-0044

The Most Remote Uninhabited Place on The Planet



• **[UPDATE]** –

We are pleased to announce that well known DXer and POTA Administrator KB2FMH, James Gallow has joined the 2026 Andaman Island DXpedition Team. His DX experience and POTA knowledge are important to the Team to improve the Andaman Dxpediton's QSO rate and activation of three rare POTA locations on Andaman Island.

The Andaman Island DXpedition is scheduled to begin transmitting on October 19, 2026. Then it will be entering the 2026 CQ WW SSB Contest representing India with a goal of first place for Asia. Three POTA locations, IN-0003, IN-0005, and IN-0007, will be activated between October 27-29. This will be the initial activation of all three locations

If you are interested in joining the 2026 Andaman Island DXpedition Team please contact Van Herridge, N4VGE, immediately at N4VGE@worlddxpedition.org.

Peter I Island Dxpediton 2026



Peter I Island DXpediton 2026 preparation has started!

Peter I is the #8 DXCC in ClubLog most wanted list.

We have secured a vessel, and we're now building a team of 19 operators that will go to Peter I Island in February 2026 and stay there for 14 days. The vessel is a proper Antarctica vessel with 2 helicopters, two Expedition leaders and with all permits needed.

We are working closely with the Norwegian Polar Institute to obtain the landing permit. A website has been created and additional information about Peter I Island DXpediton will be released shortly. Fundraising is expected to start 2024

Team leader Ken LA7GIA, Co-leader Adrian KO8SCA, Co-leader Cezar VE3LYC and Co-leader Dave WD5COV.

Media Officer: James Gallo KB2FMH.

Club Log DX Report for November, 2025

Most active bands

Band	QSOs	% DX	Graph
160M	15,128	12.33	
80M	70,399	18.87	
60M	23,574	27.41	
40M	186,594	27.79	
30M	60,986	44.10	
20M	167,203	33.14	
17M	57,005	58.24	
15M	124,220	55.69	
12M	77,950	69.19	
10M	189,392	68.16	
6M	20,910	62.44	

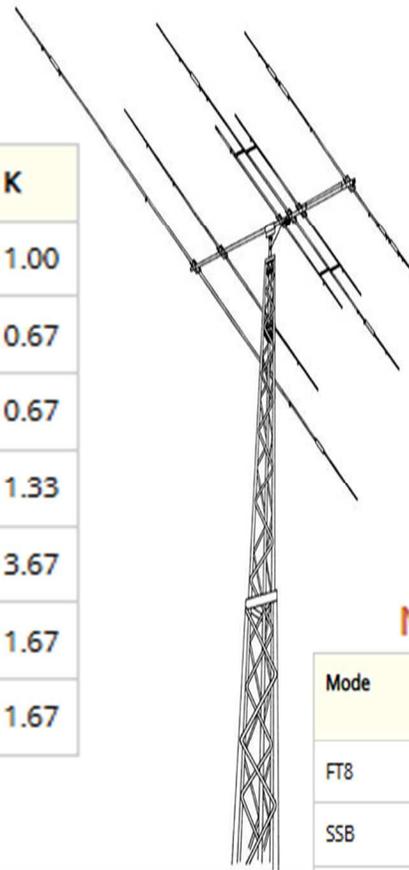
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1.	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)
2.	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF
3.	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS
4.	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND
5.	KH7K	KURE ISLAND
6.	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND
7.	FT/G	GLORIOSO ISLAND
8.	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND
9.	FT5/X	KERGUELEN ISLAND
10.	YV0	AVES ISLAND
11.	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND
12.	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS

Active expeditions

Callsign	DXCC	Last QSO	# QSOs
VP2MAA	MONTERRAT	2025-11-20 14:21	60,541
ZL7/LZ1GC	CHATHAM ISLAND	2025-11-20 07:29	34,317
9U1RU	BURUNDI	2025-11-20 06:56	178,717
TY5FR	BENIN	2025-11-19 17:12	14,022
5V7RU	TOGO	2025-11-19 11:30	31,244
3D2USU	FIJI ISLANDS	2025-11-14 07:11	276,101
FS/K9EL	SAINT MARTIN	2025-11-11 02:06	59,095
6O3T	SOMALIA	2025-11-04 07:22	81,135
5K0UA	SAN ANDRES ISLAND	2025-11-03 19:18	77,355
J68HZ	SAINT LUCIA	2025-10-31 19:12	346,915
FW5K	WALLIS & FUTUNA ISLANDS	2025-10-31 06:29	59,527

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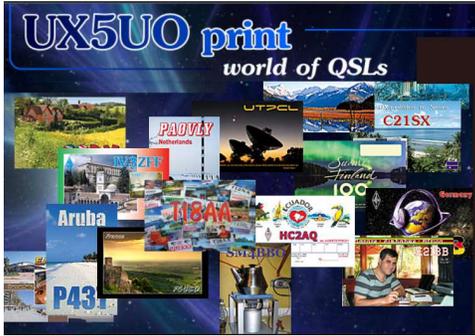
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2025-11-18	122	11	0.67
2025-11-17	132	18	1.33
2025-11-16	132	9	3.67
2025-11-15	145	5	1.67
2025-11-14	156	59	1.67



Most active modes

Mode	% Use	QSOs	Graph
FT8	64.74	650,343	
SSB	13.78	138,436	
FT4	10.64	106,851	
CW	10.06	101,078	

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